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Junior League of Raleigh Announces Community Grants Recipients

RALEIGH, NC (May 6, 2010) Eight agencies in Wake county have been selected to receive community grants from the Junior League of Raleigh and were honored at a luncheon today. The grants total more than \$25,000 and were distributed to agencies focusing on health and human services and education.

Grant recipients include: Martin Street Community Development Corporation, Loaves and Fishes Ministry, Inc., Tammy Lynn Center for Development Disabilities, Hospice of Wake County, Girls on the Run of the Triangle, Southlight, Inc., FIGS of Wake County, and Boys & Girls Club of Wake County. Selection considerations included the agencies' work in the League's target area of at-risk youth, ability to address an emerging community need, and ability to offer opportunities to collaborate and foster partnerships with the Junior League. Each agency demonstrates the ability to achieve measurable results.

Melissa Matton, president of the Junior League of Raleigh, said, "We are proud to partner with such outstanding organizations who, like the Junior League of Raleigh, are making a direct impact on the community. The League understands the funding challenges facing nonprofits in our community, and through the work of our members we are grateful to be able to provide some financial support to these great agencies."

About the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc.

The Junior League of Raleigh promotes volunteerism, develops the potential of women and improves the community through the leadership of more than 1,900 trained volunteers. Since 1930, the women of the League have contributed more than one million volunteer hours and more than \$4.8 million to education, health and other services for the women and children of Raleigh. The League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism. For more information about the League, please visit www.jlraleigh.org.

The Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) is happy to be settling into our new Center for Community Leadership (CCL). This new Center will serve as a crossroads where community members and leaders come together to receive training, problem solve and spark change. The CCL also provides much needed space and services that will be an asset to the nonprofit community and other organizations that, like the JLR, are making a difference in the community. We welcome the nonprofit and business community to tour the CCL to see this fabulous space first-hand. The CCL will open to the public this fall.

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